

SPECIAL CALL MEETING CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF HOMESTEAD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011, 6:30 PM
790 N. HOMESTEAD BLVD.
HOMESTEAD, FL 33030

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steven Bateman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Cooper from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by long-time resident and musician John Branzer.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Present: Mayor Steven C. Bateman, Vice Mayor Waldman, Councilman Jon Burgess, Councilwoman Wendy Lobos, Councilman Elvis Maldonado, Councilman Stephen Shelley, Councilman Jimmie L. Williams, III.

5. CERTIFICATION OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2011 PRIMARY ELECTION AND NOVEMBER 1, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION

City Attorney Richard Weiss read the Resolution, Certification of the City Clerk of the City of Homestead, Miami-Dade County, Florida, concerning canvassing of returns of the Primary Election of October 4, 2011 and the General Election of November 1, 2011 and certifying results thereof.

Election results follow:

| MAYOR (GENERAL) | VICE MAYOR (GENERAL ELECTION) |
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| Steven C. Bateman - 1,221 | Jon A. Burgess - 1,069 |
| Steven Losner - 913 | Judy Waldman - 1,037 |
| COUNCIL (GENERAL ELECTION) | COUNCIL (PRIMARY ELECTION) |
| Alejandro Andrickson - 653 SEAT #6 | Jon A. Burgess - 622 SEAT #2 |
| Patricia Fairclough-McCormick - 1,436 SEAT #6 | Ramiro Orta - 136 SEAT #2 |
| | James Tranthem - 214 SEAT #2 |
| | Judy Waldman - Unopposed SEAT #3 |

Based on the returns, the following candidates are declared elected to office in the City of Homestead:

| MAYOR | VICE MAYOR | COUNCIL |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Steven C. Bateman 2 Year Term | Jon A. Burgess Vice Mayor Designation 2 Year Term | Jon A. Burgess – 4 year term Patricia Fairclough-McCormick – 4 year term Judy Waldman – 4 year term |

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lobos, seconded by Councilman Shelley, to approve Certification No. R2011-11-105, certifying the Primary Election of October 4, 2011 and the General Election of November 1, 2011.

Mayor Bateman called for the vote.

Roll Call

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| Councilman Burgess | - | Yes | Councilman Shelley | - | Yes |
| Councilwoman Lobos | - | Yes | Vice Mayor Waldman | - | Yes |
| Councilman Maldonado | - | Yes | Councilman Williams | - | Yes |
| Mayor Bateman | - | Yes | | | |

Motion carried

City Attorney Weiss stated this was the final meeting of the prior City Council.

It was noted that it was Councilwoman Lobos' last meeting and she was invited to say a few words.

Councilwoman Lobos thanked everyone for their support and gave special recognition to Commissioner Lynda Bell, Mark Bell and her husband, Cedric. She stated she was thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Homestead.

6. SINE DIE

At this time, the newly elected officials stepped down to be sworn in and the new name plates were placed on the dais.

7. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCIL

Representative Frank Artiles administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Steven C. Bateman.

Judith Burgess administered the Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Jon Burgess

Representative Frank Artiles administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough-McCormick and Councilwoman Judith Waldman.

The newly elected officials were invited to take their seats at the dais.

Vice Mayor Burgess thanked everyone for their support and for electing him to another four year term. He gave special recognition to Charelle and Judith Burgess, as well as to all of his friends and supporters. He also announced it was his 9th wedding anniversary that day. Vice Mayor Burgess stated he was looking forward to presenting new initiatives and helping the City as it continues to grow. He invited the community to call him if they ever had any questions or concerns.

Councilwoman Fairclough-McCormick reported her journey began in the streets of the Southwest with her mom and five siblings. She stated she had learned all things were possible for those who believe and thanked her supporters for believing in her ability to effectively lead. She promised she would not let them down. Councilwoman Fairclough-McCormick also stated that her success was due to the efforts of her family, campaign team and volunteers. She stated they were truly the wind beneath her wings that helped her soar to be placed in the position of Councilwoman. Councilwoman Fairclough-McCormick gave special recognition to her husband, Melvin, her mom who came from South Carolina to help her, and other volunteers who worked diligently on her campaign. She also gave special thanks to her students who were present at the meeting to show their support. Councilwoman Fairclough-McCormick stated that it was an honor to share the spotlight with her opponent, Alejandro Andrickson, and that she looked forward to working with him. She commented that many topics came up during the campaign including jobs, arts and entertainment, and the Seminole Theater. However, education was the topic most dear and near to her heart and noted education is what paved the way to allow her to be there that evening. She stated it would take everyone working together to lead the charge to strengthen the schools that were weak, sustain the schools that were strong and move the community forward. She closed by saying a career is what you are paid for but a calling is what you are made for and her calling was to serve. She stated she was honored to call herself a Councilwoman for the City of Homestead.

Councilwoman Judy Waldman thanked Mayor Bateman for the opportunity to have served as the Vice Mayor and stated they had done a good job together. She noted not very many people came out and voted, which was a disappointment; however, happy people are complacent people. She gave special thanks to her husband Dr. Mervin Waldman and stated he was her rock. She stated she gave the City 150% effort while working another full time job and running two non-profits. She stated she looked forward to another 4 years on the City Council and would continue to give 150% of her effort. She thanked everyone for entrusting her with the position of Councilwoman.

Councilman Jimmie Williams congratulated Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough-McCormick and commented he had stood behind her as a candidate since day one. He stated he was glad she was serving next to him and knew they could expect great things from her. Councilman Williams congratulated Jon Burgess and commented he would do an outstanding job as Vice Mayor. Councilman Williams also congratulated Councilwoman Judy Waldman and Mayor Bateman on their re-election and stated he was looking forward to serving with them.

Councilman Elvis Maldonado expressed his congratulations to all of the newly elected officials. He noted he remembered from two years ago how much work it was to run for public office and commented they all do it because they love serving the community. He stated he was glad to know that everyone sitting at the dais had their heart in the right place to make sure the City moves forward to become a great City. He commented they had a lot of work to do and he was looking forward to moving ahead.

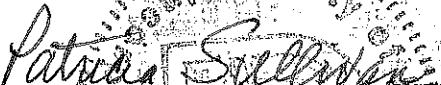
Mayor Bateman stated this was truly a great night for Homestead and the community had first class people sitting at the dais ready to serve. He stated the Council would work together to do great things for the community. Mayor Bateman recognized his wife, Donna, and his son, Austin, and thanked them for their

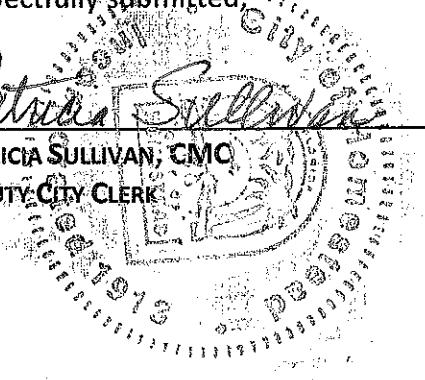
unwavering support during the campaign. He also thanked his supporters for a first class campaign. He stated they took the high road during the campaign and prevailed. Mayor Bateman stated he would not let the community down and would continue the fast-pace to press on to do great things in the City. He noted the City Council has done an unbelievable job the past two years and reported some of the accomplishments included the addition of three new schools, the trolley system, a new Marriott Hotel, two new City parks, and \$28M in reserves. He asked for a round of applause for those who worked very hard for the community the past two years. Mayor Bateman stated it was a brand new day and they would be moving forward doing great things for the community. He thanked everyone again for their support and for attending the meeting that evening.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA SULLIVAN, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK




STEVEN C. BATEMAN, MAYOR